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SUBJECT: OECD MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (CABLE II)

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1. IN ADDITION TO US DOJ GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION AND COMPETITION FROM STATE TRADING COUNTRIES, REPORTED SEPTTEL FROM OECD PARIS, MTC ALSO DISCUSSED ITS WORK REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULE, UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES, TANKER SITUATION AND GENERAL SHIPPING POLICY QUESTIONS.

2. FUTURE WORK - AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE WORK METHODS OF THE COMMITTEE WAS HELD, CONCLUDING IN THE BASIC ADOPTION OF THE CHAIRMAN/SECRETARIAT PAPERS. MINOR CHANGES IN NAMES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE MADE TO THE NEW SUBGROUPS, I.E., "SPECIAL GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" AND THE "WORKING GROUP." USDEL SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING FULL SUPPORT FOR AND ADOPTION OF FIRMLY SET SCHEDULE INCLUDING THREE FULL MEETING WEEKS/ YEAR WHICH WOULD PERMIT ADVANCED PLANNING AND MINIMAL TRAVEL. (IT WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THAT THE NEW SUBGROUPS MEET AT TIMES OTHER THAN THOSE IN WHICH THE FULL MTC MET, THEREBY REQUIRING UP TO SIX TRIPS TO PARIS PER YEAR.) ALL DELEGATES AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WILL NO DOUBT BE SITUATIONS WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES WILL REQUIRE AD HOC MEETINGS BEYOND THE THREE SCHEDULED SESSIONS. REGULAR MEETING WEEKS IN 1977 WILL BE MAY 16; SEPT. 19; AND DEC.

8. A MEETING OF THE SPECIAL GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 22/23 IN PREPARATION FOR UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING WHICH BEGINS IN GENEVA ON APRIL 12. THE SECRETARIAT REPORTS THAT THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL NOT REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN ACTUAL MEETING DAYS AND HENCE, WILL NOT INVOLVE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS.

3. UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT - SWISS DELEGATION REQUESTED EEC OBSERVER TO DESCRIBE "DEAL" BETWEEN THE NINE AND FRG, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRANCE AND BELGIUM WHEREBY THE THREE STATES PROMISED NOT TO RATIFY THE CODE UNTIL A REVISION CONFERENCE IS HELD (1979). FOLLOWING HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE ARRANGEMENT (SEE DAF/MTC 76.46, PARA 5), AND REPORT ON NOV. 4 MEETING OF EEC TRANSPORT MEMBERS, THE DELEGATIONS OF FRG, FRANCE AND BELGIUM REMAINED SILENT.

4. FRG DELEGATE REPORTED ON INFORMAL APPROACH THAT HAD

BEEN MADE OF HIGH INDIAN AND SRI LANKAN SHIPPING OFFICIALS CONCERNING POSSIBLE INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS OF CODE. CANADIAN DELEGATE ALSO REPORTED ON SIMILAR APPROACH MADE TO HIM. DELEGATIONS DEBATED ROLE OF MTC AND CONCLUDED THAT DIALOGUE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED; THAT INFORMAL ASPECT SHOULD BE RESPECTED (I.E., NO OFFICIAL OECD-MTC REACTION); AND CHARGED FRG DEL HINZ WITH TASK OF RE-ESTABLISHING CONTACT AND REPORTING TO MTC MEMBERS ON THIS MATTER. SOME DELEGATIONS QUESTIONED WHETHER THE INDIAN AND SRI LANKAN REPRESENTED THE VIEWS OF THE ENTIRE GROUP OF 77; WHETHER THEIR APPROACH REALLY HERALDED A DESIRE FOR COMPROMISE; AND WHETHER THE DEVELOPING WORLD, WHICH IS MOVING SANS CODE TOWARDS UNILATERALISM AND BILATERALISM IN SHIPPING HASN'T ALREADY CHANGED ITS MIND AND DECIDED TO ABANDON THE IDEA OF THE CODE. THE US, PER INSTRUCTION, INDICATED ITS DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETING; THAT WE REMAINED OPEN MINDED ON THE IDEA OF A CODE (ALTHOUGH NOTING THAT THE UNCTAD CODE AS IS REMAINS UNACCEPTABLE); AND THAT WE WOULD AWAIT MR. HINZ' REPORT. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION, HINZ INFORMED USDEL (BANK) THAT THE INDIAN AND SRI LANKAN WANTED US PARTICIPATION (AND OTHER "KEY" COUNTRIES) AT

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THE MEETING AND THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE HELD IN HAMBURG  
IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. HE SEES MEETING AS DIA-  
LOGUE ON ALL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING BRINGING THE CODE INTO  
FORCE THRO:UH POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF RESERVATIONS PER-  
MITTING RETENTION OF CERTAIN TRADITIONAL SHIPPING  
PRACTICES.

5. TANKER SITUATION - NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES, AS EXPECTED  
PRAISED ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE WITHIN OECD WHICH  
-ILL EXAMINE PROBLEM. MOST DELEGATES OBSERVED THAT  
INVESTIGATION AND STUDY SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE  
INDUSTRY ITSELF, AND THAT MTC (AS PART OF TASK FORCE)  
SHOULD USE THAT INFORMATION. SWEDEN TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO  
NOTE THAT ONE METHOD RAISED BY IMIF AND INTERTANKO  
(INDUSTRY GROUPS) FOR RELIEVING TANKER GLUT WAS RETROFIT  
OF SEGREGATED BALLASTS, AND THAT THE SWEDISH DELEGATION  
TO UPCOMING IMCO MEPC HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED (ON ENVIRON-  
MENTAL GROUNDS) TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION IN IMCO. USDEL,  
PER INSTRUCTIONS, WOULD HAVE MTC AWAIT INDUSTRY PROPOSALS

GENERAL SHIPPING POLICY, AND OTHER ITEMS

6. IN REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF A REDEFINITION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE NOW BEING CONSIDERED IN UNCTAD FOR ITS COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING, USDEL STRESSED POSITION THAT UNCTAD SHIPPING COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BECOME FOCAL POINT FOR REVIEW OF ALL UN TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT COULD INTERFERE WITH THE MORE TECHNICAL UN BODIES SUCH AS IMCO. US POSITION RECEIVED WIDE, IF NOT UNANIMOUS SUPPORT.

7. VARIOUS DELEGATIONS DESCRIBED THEIR CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH VARIOUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. JAPAN REPORTED THAT ITS AGREEMENTS WITH EQUADOR, CHILE AND PERU DO NOT EXCLUDE THE PARTICIPATION OF CROSS-TRADERS. THE FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IVORY COAST DREW MUCH ATTENTION FROM THE TRADITIONAL CROSS-TRADERS (NORWAY, DENMARK) IN WHICH ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD READ A BETWEEN-THE-LINES APPREHENSION THAT THE FRENCH (WHO REMAINED SANGUINE THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION) ARE ABOUT TO CONCLUDE A CARGO SHARING BILATERAL WITH THE IVORIANS, CUTTING OUT MOST CROSS-TRADERS.

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